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by Robert N. Taylor

Income gap between blacks and whites grows wider

According to figures released last week by the Census Bureau, the income gap between blacks and whites in America is widening. The latest available figures show the median income for black families is only 54% of that for white families. Basically, this means that black families earn 54 cents for every dollar earned by white families. This is worse than in 1989 when blacks were earning 61 cents for every dollar earned by whites. The primary reason is the growing number of black female-headed families. Such households are much more likely to live in poverty. Indeed, the figures show that blacks do best when there is a man and a woman in the household. Two-parent black families actually have a median income which is 80% of that for two-parent white families. The problem is that there are fewer and fewer two-parent black families. The report entitled "Black Children in America—1993" found that the proportion of black children living with both parents has fallen from 59% in 1970 to only 36% today.—WASHINGTON, DC

Appeals Court declares black district unconstitutional

A federal appeals court has ruled that Georgia's 11th congressional district is unconstitutional because it was drawn up primarily to insure that an African American would be elected to the U.S. Congress. The district is that of black freshman lawmaker Cynthia McKinney and encompasses the predominantly black suburbs of Atlanta and sections of Augusta and Savannah. McKinney said the decision which is similar to court rulings in Texas and Louisiana was a form

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President speaks to National Baptist Conclave

by Loretta Pettit

In an effort to change the tenor of the raging debate going on in this country with regard to the myriad of problems that afflict our society, and perhaps his own political fortunes and that of the Democratic Party, President Bill Clinton told some 10,000 delegates to the National Baptist Convention U.S.A., Inc., gathered at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center that "Each of us has a personal responsibility" to make the future better than the present.

The National Baptist Convention U.S.A., Inc. is the largest African-American organization in the world. Members had convened here last week to elect a new president and to outline an agenda that would carry them into the 21st century.

The address was the initial opportunity for the President to get back on the stump after a tumultuous Congressional session.

In what seemed to be an effort to allay any ill feelings between himself and the Congressional Black Caucus, the President stated that black politicians should put aside any reservations that they may have about the recently passed crime legislation.

The President stated, "Every time you look at the evening news there's another funeral. And there's a disproportionate number of black kids lying in those pine boxes, too. And that's wrong, that's what's really wrong, and we have got to find a way, imperfect though it is to get all the Americans together with all their different perspectives, and move forward on this issue because if people are not safe, we're in trouble."

Mr. Clinton also stated that he has been telling kids what to say no to, but we must put in place the kind of mechanisms that will allow a kid the opportunity to say yes to something positive.

The President went on to say, "If you really want to lower the crime rate, reduce violence and save more kids' lives, all the work is still to be done. All the work is still to

Jersey City high school cracks among the best

by Paul Joseph

Amid the crisis facing urban education today, one Jersey City high school has been making the grade and proving that education works, according to a statewide magazine.

New Jersey Monthly Magazine has ranked Academic High School among the top 75 best high schools in New Jersey, ranking number 21. The school was the only one in Hudson County to make the list.

"It's a wonderful way to start the school year," Principal Robert Roggenstein said. "We are just delighted. For two years the magazine had labeled us a school surviving

against the odds. It is good to make the list."

He cited "mutual cooperative efforts on the parts of students, faculty and parents" accounted for the success of the school. He added that the school tries to maintain open dialogue with the student and spell out its expectations from the beginning of their educational journey at the institution.

Roggenstein said students as well as staff were delighted and now planning to apply for Blue Ribbon status, a national-level competition run by the U.S. Department of Education which recognizes the best schools in the country.

Academic "is an example of urban education that works," the magazine said. "Con-

tinuity of instruction, a dedicated staff and strong academic programs coupled with high expectations, promotes success here."

The school is not going to rest, the principal said. "We plan to continue to move the school forward. We're always on the move and ready to improve."

The number one school on the list was Mountain Lakes High School in Morris County. Most schools on the list are located in affluent suburban communities.

New Jersey has 311 accredited academic public high schools. Of that number, 48 schools statewide including all schools in Newark, declined to participate in the magazine's survey.

According to the publication reasons for not cooperating ranged from not having enough time to compile necessary data, to schools claiming that the survey was racist and would put urban schools against more affluent suburban ones.

To rank the schools the magazine used the following available data:

- Percentage of students passing 1991 High School Proficiency Test
- Average Scholastic Assessment Test scores
- Percentage of teachers with master's degrees and doctorates
- Percentage of students going onto four-

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PPAC: discovering the talent in Plainfield

by Sherry Burris

Finally there's a place in Plainfield, where children can go, be recognized for their accomplishments, gain a sense of self-worth, self-confidence and have fun too, and it's inexpensive. Sounds too good to be true? Well just take a walk down to the Plainfield Performing Arts Center (PPAC) and you're bound to see just that: Children of all ages doing their thing.

The PPAC gives children as young as three, teenagers, and adults the opportunity to explore and develop their talents in tap, jazz, ballet, African dance, musical theater, vocal lessons and pre-school dance and tumbling just to name a few.

Classes are taught Monday through Saturday by PPAC Director Sherrill McLaughlin-Ryan, Tiffany Williams, Simone Conner and Michael Cluffio. Cluffio is the instructor of the free "technique classes" offered when students register for a class. This class is what makes the center different from any other performing arts center.

According to Ryan, the technique class is a series of Italian and Russian Ballet bar ex-

ercises which help to ensure a sense of balance, an athletic capability needed in each of the classes.

In the beginning, the center started out as an eight-week course at the then Grant Avenue Community Center, but quickly out grew the center forcing Ryan to look for a studio of her own.

Support from parents isn't come easy. Prior to the opening of PPAC, Ryan tried getting the support of other studio owners, who were mainly white, and received being angry because of their pessimistic response to her location. Ryan eventually stopped coming from a single loan from United National Bank.

"I had talked to a few other people to come join me and everyone said, 'Plainfield. Why? There's no money in Plainfield.' And I said well you're right but there are other reasons to do this. That really made me angry, because it's like it's okay there in predominantly white neighborhoods but it's not here. So, I said forget it. I'll do it myself."

One of the reasons why Ryan started her own performing arts center stemmed from her experiences in classes that consisted of mainly

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Students at the performing arts center receive instruction in Technique Dancing.

Gang awareness forum focuses on Essex County youth

by Paul Joseph

Drive-by shootings, thefts, drug cartels, praying on the most vulnerable of their communities—these are some of the characteristics of today's urban street gangs.

According to the Juvenile Section of the Essex County Prosecutor, From California to Newark, one thing is clear: their numbers are on the rise.

In Essex County, a survey compiled by the Essex County Youth Gang Committee found at least 99 major street gangs operating within the county involved in rapes, assaults, shootings, robberies auto theft and several

other criminal offenses.

Newark, the largest city in the county contains 50 gangs with membership ranging from 10 to 50 members. East Orange police identified seven groups whose numbers ranged from 10 to 30 members involved in assaults and narcotics distributions.

Alarmed by the staggering increase in youth crime, Essex County Prosecutor Clifford J. Minor organized a two-day forum to help combat this crisis.

Last week, he invited local, county, and state law enforcement, education officials and representative of the State Legislature and New Jersey's congressional delegation, clergy and other various organizations to

come together to help find solutions for youths in crisis.

The event, "Youth Gang Awareness and Alternative Resources and Training Seminar," aimed at arming the officials, specifically the police, with a better understanding of street gangs.

The criminal youth gang problem poses a serious threat to the basic fabric of our society," Minor said.

Today's youth gangs are far more dangerous than those that existed in the past, according to the prosecutor. He cited the use of guns and reckless violence to settle disputes. "There were gangs when I was going to school," he said, "but they were not as violent as today's gang members."

Minor urged parents, and educators to get involved and to "turn our heads away from the problem."

The first day focused on identifying street gangs and the types of youth who opt for the "gang banging" lifestyle.

Investigator L. Louis Jordan of the Monmouth County Prosecutor's office gave a history of gang life and explained why youths join.

"They (gangs) organize to rob, steal and burglarize our homes," he said, adding, "until we as a society come together to face this problem, it will continue to spread in our communities."

Jordan stressed lack of parental and community involvement in children's lives as the main cause for the rise in criminal street gangs. "We need to go back into the trenches to save our kids," he said. He also added "power, loyalty, prestige, peer pressure and a sense of security," to the list of ingredients that seduce kids to the gangs.

The investigator urged the mostly law enforcement crowd to read the graffiti or "newspaper of the street gangs." "They tell you a lot about who these kids are," he said.

To stop the flow of youths pouring into the criminal life, Jordan said they need to

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Plainfield police and prosecutors reach accord

PLAINFIELD—In a joint press conference last Friday, Mayor Mark A. Fury, Assemblyman Gerald Green, Council President Malcolm Dunn and First Assistant County Prosecutor Michael Lapolla revealed their uniform commitment to the Quality Of Life Anti-Drug initiative, and addressed the concerns raised by the officers of the Ebony Association.

Gerald Green stated "the time has past when the race card can be played recklessly. Here the mayor, the prosecutor, the council president and myself along African Americans, all are concerned about race issues. People must allow us to do our jobs instead of labeling people like the county prosecutor with a racist label. I will not be a part of any investigation that attempts to turn a personal dispute into a racial wild hunt."

Council President Dunn stated "we want to address the substantive concerns of our uniformed officers, but there is a protocol and

there is a process. I support the Mayor in this effort to bring rational solutions to the expressed concerns, but I agree that nothing is more important than protecting the citizens through the Quality of Life initiative."

First Assistant Prosecutor Lapolla stated that with Weed and Seed, Community Oriented Policing, and the Plainfield Satellite Office, County Prosecutor Andrew Ruotolo has displayed his interest and commitment to the City of Plainfield and looked forward to working with the administration and other officials in continued Good Faith.

Mayor Fury summed up the feeling of all the elected officials, stating, "The officials gathered today have a responsibility to ensure the orderly conduct of all city business, especially in the area of public safety. The door is open to deal with the sensitive issues raised by Ebony, but nothing will be allowed to compromise the effectiveness of this initiative."

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Community Calendar

NOW THRU OCTOBER 7
PLAINFIELD—Figure artist, Rhoda Yarrow affixes pose with personality in her new "Dance Series, Recant Pastels" to be exhibited at Swain Galleries. For more info call 908 756-1707.

SEPTEMBER 24 THRU NOVEMBER 5
PLAINFIELD—Literacy Volunteers of America will host a Basic Tutoring Training Workshop Saturdays at the Plainfield Public Library from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more info call 908 755-7968.

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 27
WESTFIELD—The Union County Rape Crisis Center will hold its annual fall training for volunteers from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. For more info call 908 233-7273.

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 28
HACKENSACK—Bergen County Technical School is offering a career workshop for women who are trying to decide on a career from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. For more info call 201 343-6000 ext. 3355.

NOW THRU SEPTEMBER 30
NEWARK—Victims of crime who are unable to meet financial obligations because of their mishap should contact Newark Emergency Services for Families, Inc. at 1-800-696-7083.

PATERSON—There will be an Art Exhibit by Roberto Viera on display at the Paterson Free Public Library. For more info contact Kwaku Amosang at 201 357-3010.

MONDAY OCTOBER 3
ELIZABETH—There will be a candlelight vigil in memory of women who have died due to domestic violence on the steps of City Hall, 50 Winfield Scott Plaza. For more info call 908 355-1500.

HACKENSACK—There will be a 10-session workshop on self-esteem for women at Bergen County Technical Schools from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. For more info call 201 343-6000, ext. 3347.

WESTFIELD—A support group for people caring for elderly or chronically ill relatives meets on the first non holiday of every month at 8 p.m. in the parish center of St. Helen's Church. For more info call Marilyn Ryan at 908 233-8757.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 4
EDISON—There will be a seminar on "How to Better Manage Your Time" at Middlesex County College College Center Rm. 319 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more info call 908 905-2509.

WESTFIELD—There will be a hands on class teaching how to read your life and health insurance policies at the Rutgers Cooperative Extension at 300 North Ave. from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

EDISON—There will be a workshop on "How To Better Manage Your Time" at Middlesex County College Rm. 319. For more info call 908 905-2509.

JERSEY CITY—Jersey City State College will hold its annual "Graduate School Information Fair" in the multi-purpose room of the Michael Gligan Student Union Building from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. For more info call 201 202-047.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 6
HACKENSACK—There will be a 6-session workshop on career exploration for women at Bergen County Technical Schools from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more info call 201 343-6000, ext. 3351.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 7
MONTCLAIR—The Montclair Art Museum will offer a talk, "The Life and Work of Man Ray," at the Montclair Art Museum at 8 p.m. For more info call 201 745-5555.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 8
CRANFORD—There will be a grant writing and funding process workshop for non-profit organizations mainly libraries at the Roy Smith Auditorium at Union County College from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. For more info call 908 354-6000.



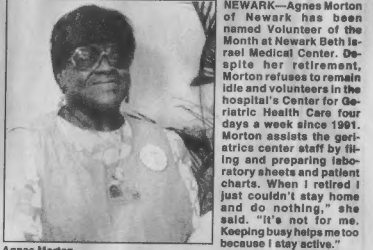
Union County Freeholder Chairman Frank Lehr, 3rd from left, and other officials present at the Corporate Mainstage. The reception was held to honor the county's without the support of local businesses, industries and organizations. Frank Lehr, 3rd from left, and other officials present at the Corporate Mainstage. The reception was held to honor the county's without the support of local businesses, industries and organizations. Frank Lehr, 3rd from left, and other officials present at the Corporate Mainstage. The reception was held to honor the county's without the support of local businesses, industries and organizations.



Violet Ramsey, a senior citizen, won prizes for her exhibits.



William H. Gray, III President and CEO of the United Negro College Fund, accepts a \$4200 donation to UNCF from Lou Black, president of Afrocentric Development Corporation. Mr. Black also presented a UNCF inspired Afrocentric designed school composition book bearing the legend, "A Mind is A Terrible thing To Waste."



Agnes Morton of Newark has been named Volunteer of the Month at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center. Despite her retirement, Morton refuses to remain idle and volunteers in the hospital's Center for Geriatric Health Care four days a week since 1981. Morton assists the geriatric center staff by filing and preparing laboratory sheets and patient charts. When I retired I just couldn't stay home and do nothing," she said. "It's not for me. Keeping busy helps me too because I stay active."

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National News

by Robert N. Taylor

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of "Chinese water torture" slowly destroying black political gains. Several predominantly black congressional districts were created by state legislatures in the late 1980's in a bid to address past discrimination. They resulted in a record number of blacks being elected to Congress in 1990. But whites have been successfully challenging the districts in court arguing that they are unconstitutional because they were created primarily to benefit one racial group. Meanwhile, McKinney will take a challenge to last week's ruling all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court.—

ATLANTA, GA

L. Douglas Wilder drops from US Senate race

Finding it difficult to raise money and under pressure from the Democratic party, L. Douglas Wilder has given up his bid to become the second black in the U. S. Senate. Wilder - the first black elected governor of Virginia - had done well in recent candidates' debates. But he was still having difficulty raising money as an independent. Plus, he was under great pressure from the Democratic party to drop out of the race. The Democrats feared that his candidacy would take votes away from incumbent Democrat Charles Robb and thus help elect conservative Republican Oliver North. In recent polls Wilder had been getting about 13% of the vote. That was not enough to win the race but it appeared to be enough to prevent Robb from winning. Wilder's political future is unclear.—

RICHMOND, VA

Oprah Winfrey's offer draws 20,000 responses

A \$3 million offer by talk-show host

Oprah Winfrey to help poor families find a way out of public housing has generated over 20,000 calls to a social service agency which will administer the program. Winfrey's money will go to Chicago's Jane Addams Hull House Association and it will help 10 families this year and 50 families next year get job training, housing assistance and other services. Winfrey announced the offer just last week. A recent *Forbes* magazine article listed Winfrey as the second richest entertainer in America with total income over the last two years standing at \$105 million.—

CHICAGO, ILL

Gladys Knight to pitch new version of 'Aunt Jemima'

The Quaker Oats Company announced last week that Grammy award winning singer Gladys Knight had agreed to pitch the firm's "Aunt Jemima" products in a new national television campaign. Knight told the "Wall Street Journal" that the company's new, updated image of "Aunt Jemima" has helped in her decision to endorse the product. Historically, black leaders had been critical of the "Aunt Jemima" image which originally portrayed a plump, bandanna-clad black woman broadly smiling. In recent years the image had been updated but has still drawn criticism. Knight would not disclose how much she had been paid for the one-year deal.—CHICAGO, ILL

Activist Jean Young dies of liver cancer

Educator and civil rights activist Jean Childs Young died last week in Atlanta of liver cancer. Young was 61 and was also the wife of former Atlanta mayor Andrew Young.—ATLANTA, GA

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NEWS ANALYSIS

The mission to save Haiti

by William Reed

With "Operation Uphold Democracy" now in full force in Haiti, President Clinton's pledge to bring democracy to this Caribbean island republic will have to include economic order and increasing opportunities to the people of the Western Hemisphere's most impoverished nation. Even with the scheduled departure of its military dictatorship, Haiti, a country about the size of the state Maryland, has six million people who only have a per capita annual income of under \$300 and a history of being either the oppressed or the oppressor.

Even though US military presence on the island is attributed by most to pressure brought on by the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC), Clinton, many other senior US officials and members of the CBC are eager to assure the American public that the United States isn't going to attempt a long-term nation-building exercise in Haiti.

The US Congress has passed legislation demanding the quick departure of American forces, but all American government leaders acknowledge that President Jean-Bertrand Aristide and his people will need substantial financial aid and technical assistance for some time to come.

"The root problem in Haiti, despite its poverty, is political and not economic," states Evans Paul, mayor of Port-au-Prince. "The problem is the minority wants to own everything. In Haiti, those with power refuse to negotiate," Paul said. The "minority" is a small group of wealthy mulatto families that has run the nation's economy for decades, allied with the army and police. Most people

in America were not concerned with the plight of the poor in Haiti in past decades. For example, Ron Brown, the African-American head of the US Department of Commerce, was the US lobbyist for Haiti during part of the Duvalier years.

Last March, Brown's boss, Bill Clinton, promised Aristide that the US would help to coordinate a \$1 billion, five-year, multi-nation aid program to help Haiti get on its feet. Aristide's supporters also asked the World Bank and Inter-American Development Bank for an initial two-year recovery program that would cost \$770 million. Many economic planks have to be put into place but, Aristide is assured that the international community will finance a transitional first-year program of \$550 million.

Of the \$550 million, \$95 million would go for immediate health needs, food to feed thousands of Haitians who've experienced extreme hunger because of the embargo, and creation of about 50,000 new jobs to undercut the massive unemployment. A second slice of the package—\$85 million—is to be used for political and government reforms, including: Establishing protections against human rights violations and beginning the task of separating the police function from the army and training a new police force responsive to civilian control.

The aid funds also will cover the costs of municipal elections scheduled for later this year and the election of a new president next year. In the US some blacks question sending money for slums of Cite Soleil versus those of urban America. A group of conservative activists belonging to the Project 21 group state their oppo-

sition to restoring Aristide to power saying that spending \$500 million in scarce taxpayer dollars was not worth "backing a losing and unstable horse."

Since it became the hemisphere's first independent black nation in 1804 when Toussaint L. Ouerverture led the rebellion against France, Haiti has had dictatorship and economic problems. After ousting the French the black nation was confronted by a 60-year naval embargo imposed by the US so that Haiti could not export its independent furor to the US.

During the US occupation, Americans favored and uplifted the mulatto class. This class distinction remained through the Duvalier years, with General Raoul Cedras being the current evidence.

After Cedras, Philippe Biamby and Michel Francois leave and Aristide returns to Haiti from exile, he will have just over a year to head the government, and he says that he will not seek re-election to the presidency. In all he will have served only two of the five-year term to which he was elected with a 65 percent plurality.

NOI to host Savior's Day Convention in Ghana

CHICAGO, ILL.—The Nation of Islam (NOI) has scheduled their first Saviors' Day Convention on the African continent. The NOI, which has a 64-year history in America, will be meeting in Accra, Ghana from October 6-9, in what promises to be the most historical Convention the NOI has ever had.

The highlight of the Convention will be Minister Louis Farrakhan's keynote address—"Fulfilling The Vision of The Honorable Elijah Muhammad"—which will be broadcast live via satellite from Black Star Square, Ghana to North America, the Caribbean and England. At the opening of this century, when the Hon. Marcus Garvey ar-

In the meantime, his planners say that once the emergency created by the dictatorship and embargo is surmounted, a civilian, democratic government would have to focus its attention on a total restructuring of the police and army to end their ability to interfere in politics. The government will also have to create an independent and impartial judiciary and strengthen parliament's administrative and law-making capability.

Many African Americans see potential economic opportunities for them in Haiti. Presently two-thirds of the population work in agriculture, forestry and fishing. The main imports are manufactured goods, machinery, food and live animals.

Aristide's programs call for ending corruption, reducing bloated government payrolls, privatizing inefficient and corruption-ridden state-owned industries, improving tax collection, attracting greater foreign investment and providing greater business competition by doing away with the special privileges of the small mulatto elite, which traditionally has been allied with the army.

Islam in America (1916), he spoke passionately about connecting black people in the western hemisphere with the black man and woman on the African continent Minister Farrakhan is closing out this century making Marcus Garvey's dream a reality.

Highlights of the convention will be a banquet dinner tribute to The Honorable Elijah Muhammad, several workshops, a cultural fashion show, and an international concert. The NOI anticipates 1,500 to 2,000 travelers from America to attend the convention, 80-90% of whom will be traveling to Africa for the first time. For additional on the convention please call NOI headquarters at 312-324-6000.



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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Include all the public

If you happened to read one of the Sunday newspapers this past weekend, you might have read about the solicitation for public input for the New Jersey Department of Education budget for fiscal year 1995. The article stated that if you are interested in having input, you can attend one of the meetings to be held in Sewell, October 4, 7-9 p.m.; Clifton, October 12, 7-9 p.m.; or Englishtown, October 17, 7-9 p.m. Those wishing to testify at any of the three sessions must register by calling (609) 984-4904 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. no later than Friday before the session they wish to attend. Presentations are limited to five minutes and participants must bring at least one typed copy of his or her remarks to the meeting.

With so much talk in the Whitman administration of cutting taxes and saving money, we recommend that they cancel these "public hearings" and save the taxpayers money. Based on the locations of the hearings and the criteria for testifying, the Department of Education might as well call those they really want to hear from.

It is clear that the Department does not want to have public input from any urban districts or they would have scheduled hearings in some of our cities where the public needs to voice its concerns over the condition of their schools and possibly suggest some workable solutions or at least join the search for solutions.

It is clear that the "common public" is not invited since the majority of the people who are concerned about public education do not have access to typewriters and computers where they can whip out prepared remarks.

And, even the fact that individuals must call during normal work hours limits access to their participation in this "public process."

We are sure the officials of the Department of Education are aware that, contrary to popular opinion, the majority of persons most concerned about public education in this state are hard working white and blue collar parents, black, white, Hispanic, and Asian, living in urban, suburban and rural communities. All these concerned publics should be encouraged to give the department input and that public input should be made convenient for the people who pay the salaries of the staff of the Department of Education.

The O.J. case: the danger of crying racism!

by Earl Ofari Hutchinson

Nearly every African-American I talk to asks, "Do you think O.J. did it?" Before I can answer, the question nags, "Well, I don't think he did it. When I ask, 'How do you know?' They repeat the standard mush of rumor, innuendo, gossip, half-truth and fluff, which almost always boils it down to: 'They're out to get the brother.'"

When I tentatively suggest that the circumstantial evidence against him is still evidence, they retort, "He was framed," I ask, by whom?

Letter to the Editor

Is money more important than our health?

Dear Editor:

Four thousand New Jersey citizens can't be wrong. That's how many people have signed a petition sponsored by Oxy-Busters of New Jersey, a group of concerned people dedicated to removing the fuel additive MTBE from our state's gas tanks.

Gasoline blended with MTBE (methyl tertiary butyl ether) is scheduled to return to the Garden State's service station pumps on November 1.

As soon as this happens, thousands of New Jersey residents will begin suffering from the severe health problems that have affected us since this fuel was introduced two years ago for use in winter only. However, starting in January 1995, the federal government is requiring gasoline suppliers to sell this product in our state year round.

To make matters worse, no consumer information in the form of pump labels will be required to tell motorists if they are buying an MTBE gasoline blend. They won't know if they are filling their car's tank with a fuel that could make them sick.

Unfortunately, the major oil companies seem to think they're bigger than God and have shown that they value profits over people's health and well-being. After motorists in Alaska complained of headaches and nausea from breathing MTBE gasoline, the state government banned its use as a fuel.

But whenever challenged, big oil representatives claim that gasoline blended with MTBE is safe and ignore countless health complaints from people in New Jersey, Montana, New York, Illinois and elsewhere.

When scientists from the federal Environmental Protection Agency asked oil companies to support continued research on MTBE health effects, the industry's trade association said no, they had more important research on their agenda.

Happily, there have been a few glimmers of hope. North Carolina officials have the same concerns as the government of Alaska. Their state toxicologist believes that MTBE should be classified as a high level carcinogen.

Why is New Jersey so slow to act? Governor Whitman, where are you?

Barry Grossman
Oxy-Busters of New Jersey
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by Dr. Conrad W. Worrill

Once again, I participated in the 2nd African-American Leadership Summit held in Baltimore, Maryland. It was a grand success.

The first summit was sponsored by the NAACP under the leadership of its Executive Director, Dr. Ben Chavis at the NAACP National Headquarters in Baltimore.

However, due to the NAACP Board's decision to terminate Dr. Chavis on the evening of August 20, the dynamics of the second summit changed.

Not only did the NAACP Board terminate Dr. Chavis on the eve of the second summit, but the NAACP was scheduled to host, the NAACP board chairman, Dr. William Gibson announced to the media that the second summit was canceled.

Fortunately, Dr. Chavis was able to prevail upon Rev. Frank Reed, pastor of the Bethel AME Church, to hold the summit at his church.

As Dr. Chavis started at the conclusion of the second summit, I am pleased to announce that the Second National African American Leadership Summit has been a re-

sounding success. Under extremely adverse circumstances, more than one hundred African-American leaders representing national, regional and local organizations, as well as scholars and activists, gathered here in Baltimore over the last three days, to affirm that never again will we allow forces external to our community to divide us or dictate to us.

The focus of the first summit centered around three critical areas impacting on the African-American community. They were: 1. Economic Development, 2. Youth and Community Empowerment, and 3. Moral and Spiritual Renewal.

Out of the first summit, committees were formed in each of the three areas with the charge of developing plans of action.

Each of the three committees reported on their committee work that facilitated a high level of exchange and dialogue.

The majority of the first summit participants were in attendance at the second summit including Minister Farrakhan, Dr. Cornel West, Ron Daniels, Dr. Charles McIntyre, Earl King, Haki Madhubuti, George Curry, Atty. H.T. Smith, Queen Mother Moore and Sonja Sanchez,

just to name a few.

In the second summit, we added three more areas of critical issues affecting the African-American community. They were: 1. Education, 2. Health, and 3. Communication. Committees were established in these areas just as we did in the three original focus areas.

The major outcome of the second summit was the concrete projects announced by the three original focus areas committees that the summit participants agreed to organize around in the coming months.

In the Moral and Spiritual Renewal Committee they are working on the establishment of a National Code of Conduct to be presented to the African-American community. It is quite obvious this is a critical area that needs to be addressed. The behavior of black people towards other black people, in many instances, is at an all time low. Also, this committee will be working on a strategy and format to help resolve differences in the African-American community between organizations, leaders and the general African-American community.

The Youth Committee presented two excellent projects that the summit agreed to work on. First, sometime in

mid 1995, the summit will sponsor a National African-American Youth Day. At the same time, the Youth Committee will be making plans to organize a major African-American Youth Summit.

It is without question, if we don't focus on our youth as a priority in our movement, it only remains that the crisis of youth will remain. As Haki Madhubuti, Chair of the Youth Committee pointed out when he reported, "We are losing too many of our children to a street culture that eats them like fast food. Our children are at risk in so many ways. Yet all that many parents, politicians, business people, and others have to offer is another study."

The Economic Development Committee put forward the idea of establishing an African-American Development Fund that would be the vehicle to provide capital for many projects that are needed in our community.

The question of economics is the key to the continued development of Haki stated in his report, "We must understand the absolute necessity of black business in the creation of our entrepreneurial spirit among young people. There is a strong need for the development of an African-American Economic Youth Bank designed to help our youth start their own businesses."

The second summit, in many ways, was more productive than the first one because we began to focus on projects that can actually be implemented through the summit process.

An Interim Summit Coordinating Committee was established and Dr. Chavis was elected as the summit convener and spokesperson.

In coming weeks Dr. Chavis will begin a National Victory Unity Tour to present the work of the summit throughout the country. The next summit will take place in Chicago on December 10th and 11th.

(Dr. Worrill is the National Chairman of the National Black United Front (NBUF))

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We want to hear from you!

O.J. is. Blacks should stop screaming racism whenever a black gets into trouble with the law.

According to CNN polls seventy-seven percent of whites say the case against O.J. is strong. Forty-five percent of blacks disagree. Sixty-three percent of whites think he'll get a fair trial. Sixty-one percent of blacks think he won't. When it's race, many blacks and whites are on separate planets with no danger of colliding.

The O.J. case would be the last one I'd pick to harden racial lines. He dutifully followed society's rules, parlayed his talents into megabuck football, media and entertainment careers and attained cross-over appeal. O.J., along with Bill Cosby and Colin Powell are the only three black men since Booker T. Washington to claim the title of "honorary white man."

But O.J. outdid Cosby and Powell. They occasionally make nods to

"black causes." O.J. didn't. He said nothing that stirred racial or political controversy. O.J. bucks the traditional ground rules that blacks use to pick their martyrs. In the past, they rallied around Any black group or individual under attack by the white establishment for resisting injustice. Examples: civil rights activists and Black Panthers: Any black whose house was bombed by racists, beaten or killed by the Klan, Aryan Nation or police. Example Rodney King: A prominent black in a high-profile case who appears to be punished more severely than a prominent white who commits the same crime. Example: Mike Tyson vs. William Kennedy Smith.

O.J. doesn't fit any of these examples. But it doesn't matter. The knee's of blacks now jerk for any African American in the court docket. Here's why:

The system. Blacks remember

the savage history of lynchings, shootings, burnings and beatings. They still see laws enforced by white police judges, prosecutors and juries. They still see a disproportionate number of black men being arrested and sentenced to stiff prison terms and the death penalty. They believe that the system is the inherent enemy of African Americans.

Racial stereotyping. The media tossed the presumption of innocence out the window with O.J. To many blacks this proved that white society automatically presumes black men are guilty of crimes. The relentless Hollywood and mainstream media stereotyping of young black males as crime-prone, drug dealing "gangstas" doesn't help. When Time doctored the cover photo of O.J. to make him appear more menacing and sinister that cinched it.

The Conservative attacks. Blacks cringe at the drumbeat attacks on so-

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WESTFIELD—Volunteers are needed for the 4-H Rabbit Club. Youth between the ages of 12 and 17 will learn to select, groom, identify and select rabbit breeds, identify diseases and common problems with rabbits. For more info call Karen Cole at 908-654-9654.

HACKENSACK—Teams between the ages of 18 and 21 can take advantage of free counseling, get assistance with deciding upon a job or career, personal counseling and funds for child care and transportation at the Career and Life Counseling Center at Bergen Tech. For more info call Debbie Moriarty at 201-343-8700, Ext. 3348.

NEW YORK—An Exhibit titled "The Children: Art from the Mexican Rain Forest" will be on display. The exhibit features art created by Lacandon and Mursi children. For more information call 212-274-0996.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

NORTH BRANCH—The Theatreworks/USA presents Goldilocks and the Three Bears at the Edward Nash Theatre at Mariner Valley Community College. Performances begin at 1 p.m., 3:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. For more information call 908-725-3420.

WESTFIELD—The first meeting of the 4-H prep club will take place at the 4-H office from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Youth between the ages of 7 to 8 interested in cooking, horticulture, arts and crafts, and field trips while making new friends, encouraged to join. For more info, contact Karen Cole at 908-654-9654.

OCTOBER 1-2

NEW YORK—The children's Museum of the Arts will have a Still Life Painting program for children 5-10 to noon to 3 p.m. Children can create their own still life paintings using oilcolor tempera paint. For more info call 212-274-0988.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

EAST ORANGE—The Family Resource Center of the Mental Health Association of Essex County sponsors Kids Cope, a program that helps children and teens with emotional illness of a relative at its headquarters at 424 Main St. For more info call 201-487-1773.

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Bell Atlantic grants encourage innovation in schools

NEWARK—Classroom education will be enhanced with telecommunications technologies under a school grants program recently by Bell Atlantic and the New Jersey Association of School Administrators (NJASA).

With the company's "Opportunity New Jersey School Grants Competition," New Jersey's kindergarten through grade 12 public and private schools are eligible to vie for grants totaling \$80,000 to be used during the 1994-95 school year.

According to Al Koeppe, president and CEO of Bell Atlantic-New Jersey the competition will stimulate ideas about what a school or classroom may look like in the year 2000 and beyond, and make it a reality today.

"The whole idea is to bring students, their teachers, parents and school administrators into the process, blending their ideas and talents and coming up with hands-on telecommunications applications that will help make a difference in how well our children think and learn."

The competition is designed to attract grant applications from all schools within the company's service area...urban, suburban and rural...not only large schools or those that have a head start in applying advanced technologies. The projects don't have to be large or technologically advanced, although large advanced projects are also welcome.

To compete, students, teachers and administrators at each school are encouraged to submit plans that include the use of telecommunications technologies to improve the quality of education in schools and classrooms.

In January 1995, Bell Atlantic will award grants to schools for projects that use innovative teaching methods, expand students access to information, bring remote education resources into the classroom and seek telecommunications solutions to issues of cultural diversity.

Applications and winning entries will be reviewed and selected by Bell Atlantic employees and NJASA.

Students to attend the 19th annual WPC press day

WAYNE—News photography, ethics, feature writing and editing will be among the topics discussed by students from area high schools on Thursday, September 29, during Herbert Jackson Press Day at William Paterson College in Wayne.

Open to high school newspaper staffers and their advisors, the 19th annual event will run from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Center. Started by the college in 1975, Press Day was organized by Herbert Jackson, who served as coordinator of WPC's journalism program for 17 years before his death in 1990. The event was renamed in his honor four years ago.

This year's program, run with the assistance of WPC students from the advanced journalism program, will consist of nine workshops and a writing contest designed to utilize the students' new-found skills.

Speakers will include Kenneth Gadey, WPC assistant professor of communication; William Gatzdag, WPC adjunct professor of communication and journalists from local newspapers.

A highlight of the day will be the "Write-Off Contest," run annually by WPC student coordinators, during which one student from each participating school competes.

AAA offers back-to-school safety contest

FLORHAM PARK—It's back-to-school time and the perfect opportunity to remind kids that safety awareness is important and fun too! The AAA New Jersey Automobile Club and Kings Super Markets are teaming up to educate youngsters about back-to-school safety through a "Back To School Safety" word search contest.

Between now and October 5 and youngsters are invited to stop by any Kings Super Market (located throughout Northern and Central New Jersey) or the AAA New Jersey Automobile Club office in Florham Park, Springfield, Randolph or Verona, to pick up contest rules and word search entry forms.

The World is a Rainbow to be presented at Plainfield High

PLAINFIELD—Children's music duo Greg and Steve, whose classic hit, *The World is a Rainbow* has been performed in locations as diverse as the White House and the Great Wall of China, will be presented in concert on Oct. 16, at 7 p.m. in the Plainfield High School auditorium as a benefit for the King's Daughters Day School of Plainfield.

For advance tickets at \$8 per person, send checks payable to The King's Daughters Day School, 502 W. Front St., Plainfield NJ 07060. Doors open at 2:15 p.m. for the 3 p.m. performance and seating is first come first served. Available tickets will be sold at the door for \$10. For more information, call the school at 908-756-7788 or 908-756-3025.

School Colors airs in October



For the last three years, Berkeley High School principal Jim Henderson, center, has made "racial harmony" a paramount goal at his large, urban, multicultural high school in Berkeley, California. Mirroring the country's larger struggle with its ethnic diversity, the school is deeply divided by growing racial and ethnic tensions. Students at Berkeley High such as Renato Cazares, left, and Geoff "G" Murihi, right, struggle to come to terms with their own identities while confronting conflicts over political correctness, multiculturalism, and race. "School Colors," a coproduction of the Center for Investigative Reporting and Televis Productions for FRONTLINE, airing Tuesday, October 13, at 9P.M., on PBS (check local listings), follows Henderson and a diverse group of faculty and students through the 1993-1994 academic year at Berkeley High.

Newark schools participate in food service program

NEWARK—The Newark school district has announced its participation in the 1994-95 Food Service Program. Breakfast will be served from 8-9 a.m. and lunch from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. daily at all schools. This program pro-

vides all children 18 years and under, with a meal in accordance with a menu approved by the state agency. For further information, please contact Ms. Bernice E. Mayes, Director of Cafeteria Services, at 201-733-7170.

NJ Symphony Orchestra to hold school concerts

NEWARK—This Fall, the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra will investigate the basic elements of musical sound in a program entitled "Sound Waves." For the opening concerts this season, rhythm and melody will be explored through the music of Beethoven, Bizet, Ginastera, Ives, Ravel and Stravinsky. Two school time concerts will be heard each day

in Trenton, Montclair, Plainfield, Sparta, Newark and Englewood. School time Concerts will be heard on October 11 in Trenton, October 12 in Montclair, October 13 in Plainfield, October 14 in Sparta, October 18 in Newark, October 31 in Englewood and November 1 in Newark. For additional information call 201-624-3713 ext. 216.

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The staff consists of two full-time public health nurses and two part-time outreach workers, one of whom speaks Spanish. For more information on the program call Priscilla Harris, PHN at 676-8771.

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


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WAYNE—The Steve Wilson Duo will be part of a Midday Jazz Concert at the Shiaa Center for the performing Arts at William Paterson College at 12:30 p.m. For more info, call 201-585-2371.

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PISCATAWAY—The Circle Player presents "It's a Screenin'" at 8:30 p.m. at the Circle Playhouse. For more information call 908-968-7555.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

JERSEY CITY—Randy Weston African Rhythms will perform at the Miller Branch Public Library auditorium Cultural Arts Center at 8 p.m. For more info, call 201-547-4505, 6907, or 4611.

ATLANTIC CITY—Legends In Concert featuring impersonations of Neil Diamond, Bette Midler, Johnny Mathis and Billie at the Park Cabaret Theatre at Billy's Park Place. For times and admission call 609-340-2709.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

NEW YORK—There will be an "Invoking the Spirit" Open House featuring a performance by Babatundé Olatunji, exhibits of photography and works by 15 artists at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, 515 Malcolm X Blvd. from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. For more info call 212

OCTOBER 1 AND 2

WESTBURY—Comedians Freddie Roman, Joy Behar, Lonnor Shorr, Lenory Plush and Pina Henderson will perform at the Westbury Music Fair. For more info, call 516-334-0800.

OCTOBER 6-9

NEW YORK—Pianist Valerie Capers and bass player Mickey Bass will be at the Knickerbocker Bar & Grill. For more info call 212-209-8400.

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Benefit gala honors jazz great Max Roach



Jazz great Max Roach

BLOOMFIELD—A constellation of stars including Maya Angelou, Bill Cosby, Olympia Dukakis, Spike Lee, Harry Belafonte, Dave Brubeck, Jesse Norman and many more have joined efforts in support of Bloomfield College's 125th Anniversary Benefit Gala set for November 5, at the Sheraton Meadowlands Hotel in East Rutherford, NJ.

The Gala's theme, *MAXimum Dreams* was inspired by the special guest of honor, internationally renowned percussionist Max Roach.

Roach received an Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters from Bloomfield College in May 1993, in recognition of his lifetime contributions to American music and education.

The Gala will include a cocktail hour, a 45-minute concert by Roach, a sit-down dinner and dancing to the music of the Duke Ellington Orchestra, under the direction of Mercer Ellington, the son of the late Duke Ellington.

All proceeds from the benefit will go toward annual scholarships and other, institutional needs so that the College can stay open to motivated students who want to attend, regardless of their ability to pay, and to provide these students with the very best educational and cultural opportunities.

Reservation deadline is October 28. For ticket prices please call Paula Craig at 201-748-9000 ext. 294.

Folk art apprenticeship grant applications available

ELIZABETH—In recognition of the significance and value of traditional folk arts and crafts, the NJSCA has established a Folk Arts Program which will provide support for both artists and activities of New Jersey's ethnic, regional and occupational communities.

A component of this program is the establishment of Folk Arts Apprenticeship grants. Through folk arts apprenticeships, communities and their folk artists can learn and teach in

traditional settings. The grants will provide stipends so that master folk artists can help their apprentices to develop greater skill in traditional arts and crafts.

Application deadline is October 14. For information or an application, please call Susan Coen at the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, at 908-553-2550 or Rita Moonsammy at the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, at 609-292-6130. TDD users call 1-800-852-7899.

'Walter Barrow' opens at Rutgers University

NEWARK—The Phoenix Ensemble opens its 1994-1995 theatrical season with the premiere of *Walter Barrow*, written and directed by up coming theater artist Nanette Deal White, which debuts at Rutgers University's Bradley Hall Theater in Newark.

This play addresses the role which the family, the community and the church plays in the lives of our youth. It takes an in-depth look at the troubles which force our youth into the streets and the possibilities for change in their lives if they are supported by their community.

Walter Barrow is a youth who grew up without a father and with a mother addicted to drugs. He lived his life out in the streets believing that the members of a gang were his family. He ends up incarcerated with no hope for the future, and yet is given another chance at a good life when he learns that he has a father, the Reverend Nathan Barrow.

The play will run through October 9. Performances are on Friday and Saturday at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday at 3:00 p.m. For ticket information or reservations, call 201-432-6175.

Newark Comic relief campaign to hold open house

NEWARK—Officials of the Newark Homeless Health Care Project (NHHCP), under the direction of the Newark Department of Health and Human Services, announced the agency's Comic Relief VII campaign kick-off. The campaign will begin with an open House, on Friday, September 30, 1 p.m. at the NHHCP headquarters (32 Green Street, third floor).

Citizens who are interested in participating or volunteering for the '95 Comic Relief are urged to attend. For more information, please contact the NHHCP at 201-733-5300.

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Charles Mingus at Lincoln Center



NEW YORK—On Saturday, October 15 Jazz at Lincoln Center presents the music of Charles Mingus, regarded as one of America's most innovative composers, in *blues and roots: The Music of Charles Mingus* at 8 PM in Alice Tully Hall, produced by Jazz at Lincoln Center, will head to Washington, D.C., Friday, October 14, for one special preview performance at the historic Lincoln Theater. A primary highlight will be new arrangements of some of Mingus' earliest works which were previously performed only by Mingus himself in the 1940s: "Honey, Take A Chance With Me," "Story of Love," and "This Subdues My Passion." *Blues and Roots* will also present a selective overview of the compositions of Charles Mingus spanning his ever evolving sound and style from the early 40s through the 70s.

Chocolate Lovers Invited to Unwrap the Unexpected

NEW YORK—Many chocolate lovers bored with the current selection of candy bars, are looking for a combination of tastes and textures to really satisfy their senses. Now Ferrero, the world's third largest candy company, has introduced a new delicious chocolate sensation. Those tired of squaring off with the old stand-by candy bars have come full circle to a new generation of chocolate delight called ROCHER (pronounced ro-shay').

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EVERY FRIDAY
PLAINFIELD—Consumer Credit Counseling Service of N.J., Inc. will provide counseling services at United National Bank's Community Education Center starting July 8. For more info call 201 267-4324.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
SOMERSET—The '94 Mid-Jersey Business Expo is coming to the Garden State Exhibition Center from 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 27-28
ROCHESTER, NY—There will be an Update New York RAMP Awards Banquet and Business Opportunity Fair, sponsored by the Upstate New York Regional Minority Purchasing Council, Inc. at the Holiday Inn-Garden Plaza. For more info call 716 632-8422.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 29
NEWARK—The Regional Business Partnership and The I.A. Newark and Suburban Architects will sponsor presentations of design concepts for the revitalization of downtown Newark by Development Corporation Members at 35 Washington St. from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. For more info call 201 242-6227, ext. 233.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 4
NEW YORK—The American Management Association is offering a "How to Satisfy Every Customer Expectation" one day seminar at 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. For reservations or info, call 1-800-821-3919.

WESTFIELD—A seminar on Professional Investment Management will be held at Merrill Lynch at 7:30 p.m. For more info contact Dave Rabner at 908 789-4335.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 5
CRANFORD—NJAWBO will be sponsoring a "Start Right! Build Right! Seminar." The business plan basics for women already in business or ready to start at Kean College from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. For more info or to registration call 908 707-0173.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10-13
WASHINGTON DC—National MED Week (Minority Enterprises Development) Conference. Come share information, develop resources, and network with corporate and government officials. For additional information call 202-205-6421.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11
NEW BRUNSWICK—NJAWBO, New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners, present a "Virtual Corporations: The Flexible Way to Grow" seminar with keynote speaker Adorne D. Ambler, President of Ambler Organization Consultants Inc. at 7 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency. For more info call Joan O'Brien at 908-721-0030.

OCTOBER 13-16
HUNTER, NY—Mountain Valley Resort in association with Women on Fast Track, a networking organization for women in business, will host a retreat for business and professional women. For more info call 1-800-232-2772.

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Private financing is key to an urban rebirth

by E. Lance McCarthy

Black political power was the clarion call of the 1960s and '70s, but today African-Americans are turning their attention to economic empowerment. Although for many African-Americans the political agenda is not complete, economic opportunity has eclipsed politics in importance.

Poverty, unemployment and economic and social marginalization—especially of black men—all worsened during the recent recession. Government policies, whether Republican "trickle-down" economics or Democratic "Great Society" programs, haven't done and can't do enough to alter the plight of the black community. African-Americans must explore new ways to achieve economic empowerment for themselves. Political empowerment cannot remain the African-American community's near exclusive focus, if it has been for several decades. While political empowerment is necessary for economic opportunity, it is not

enough by itself. Blacks must be able to earn a living—and to own and control the companies that are the source of their livelihood.

One under-exploited route to economic empowerment for the black community is through innovative private financing, which can be the key to a rebirth of urban economic development.

For nearly 20 years, black-owned investment banks have operated under a "veil," as W.E.B. DuBois might have put it. While black-owned investment banks built varied portfolios in areas ranging from municipal corporate and international finance to advisory services and asset management, only the finance cognoscenti recognized their skills. Those outside the world of high finance were largely blind to the significant role played by minority-owned firms.

No longer. Last year, in several unprecedented deals, top African-American investment banks demonstrated their analytical and administrative prowess to a broad variety of corporate and municipal clients. This

shows that in an era when venture capital companies pay \$15,000 monthly retainers to executive recruiters, private capital is available for good projects that target growing markets, make a profit and at the same time serve the community.

We African-Americans must draw on these sources of private financing to rebuild the African-American business infrastructure that was growing up until the 1950's, when preachers and politicians replaced businessmen as leaders in our communities.

One success story in progress is the Enviroplex developments, planned for urban and other areas across the country. EnviroCom, BCH International, and Uni-World Investments (all minority-owned) have formed this joint venture to address the problems of unemployment, crime, defense down-sizing and environmental concerns. These projects are planned for ten cities across the country.

BUSINESS EXCHANGE

Who is guarding the door?

by William Reed

Have you ever thought that some of the blacks in charge of "Community Outreach" for many companies are really guards for keeping their Master's money from most blacks? Don't you know people in companies who protect the Master's money better than the Master does himself? It's interesting to note what has happened over the years with those com-

panies that had been caught doing wrong to the black community and the level of progress that they've made toward doing the right thing after putting people of color in charge of implementing their community outreach programs.

After putting blacks in charge of outreach, affirmative actions and changing the company's image, what has really happened? Have they made things better, or worse for us? Some would say worse and ask,

"Who is really zooming who when it comes to sufficient outreach and opportunities from companies that have done us wrong in the past? Remember Denny's Restaurants, Nike, AT&T, Fleet Financial and hundreds of other companies, media operations and banks in local areas, were caught and publicly charged with discriminatory actions against the black community? Remember when blacks were demanding to be better

slot machines that rings in the ears of many politicians. Projects such as Enviroplex show how innovation and vision combined with private funding can create opportunities for African-American ownership in areas such as development, construction and manufacturing. Recent trade agreements such as NAFTA, GATT and APEC also create opportunities for black-owned businesses in international markets. Public policies emphasizing the importance of private financing can also help this development.

It is imperative that we as African-Americans continue to evaluate the opportunities available through private financing. It is there, and only there, that we will achieve true economic and political empowerment in the coming century.

E. Lance McCarthy is Director of Industrial Policy Development at the St. Louis Economic Conversion Project.

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President speaks

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of abortions when he pointed, quite candidly, to the fact that four out of 10 children were born out of wedlock and stated that Americans are "raising a whole generation of children who aren't sure they're the most important person in the world to anybody."

"That is a disaster, it is wrong. And someone has to say again, it is simply not right..."

The President was just as harsh of the rate of abortions, which studies indicate are some 27 percent of all pregnancies. He stated "I don't care what your position is, whether you're pro choice or anti, that's too many."

In concluding the President called the members of the Baptist Convention "Heroes" and added, "If we're going to get the rhythm right, we have to get the bedrock right."

"So let us leave here resolved to stir up the gift of God that is within us and do those things that will join us to go forward with the joy and confidence to make the future what it ought to be."

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INSPECTION OF GEOTECHNICAL SITE EXPLORATION PROGRAM

E.O.I. NO. 4798-1420-02

SET ASIDE FOR DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE)

PARSONS BRINCKERHOFF QUADE & DOUGLAS, INC. (PB) requests Expressions of Interest and Statements of Qualifications from interested geotechnical engineering firms to provide services related to the exploration program for the proposed Hudson River Waterfront Corridor Transit System Project (HWCT). The services to be provided will consist of inspection of soil and rock drilling, installation of piezometers, excavation and backfilling of test pits, geotechnical and environmental/hazardous material sampling of soils and ground water, and preparation of final soil boring, rock boring, and test pit logs.

The proposed Project area comprises approximately 100,000 linear feet of proposed Light Rail Transit (LRT) corridor located in Bergen and Hudson Counties, New Jersey. The Project's northern terminus is at the proposed Vince Lombardi Park & Ride site in Bergen County, proceeding southerly to the existing Conrail Weehawken Tunnel, through the tunnel then generally southerly through Weehawken, Hoboken, Jersey City, and Bayonne to its southern terminus. The proposed LRT corridor lies within active and abandoned railroad beds, active and abandoned industrial/chemical sites, residential areas, downtown city streets, wetlands, and Hudson River waterfront parklands. Previous studies performed by others in areas along the LRT indicate that some contamination has occurred at various locations along the LRT corridor.

As a part of its effort to attain contractual goals for the utilization of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs), PB has determined that this work will be awarded to an organization(s) meeting NJ Transit certification requirements for Disadvantaged Business. DBE participation may be met by either the prime, first-tier subcontractor, or joint venture with a DBE firm. A DBE firm is defined as a small business concern (1) which is at least 51 percent owned by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individuals, or in the case of a publicly owned concern, at least 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individuals; and (2) whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more of the socially and economically disadvantaged individuals who own it. Minorities and women are presumed to be disadvantaged.

The DBE organization will be expected to manage the program and perform no less than 51% of the total value of the work. DBE Certification forms are available on request from NJ Transit's DBE Office. For additional assistance regarding DBE certification, contact Mr. Lewis R. Boush at NJ Transit's DBE Office, telephone (201) 491-8000. All firms are encouraged to submit statements of qualifications which propose a project team capable of providing inspection of geotechnical exploration services as well as contamination investigations necessary for this Project.

The services to be provided consist of approximately 150 borings, 20 feet to 140 feet deep. The anticipated duration of this work project is six months.

SUBMISSION AND EVALUATION REQUIREMENTS

Proposed staffing, relevant experience, licensing, health and safety training of staff, key personnel's professional registrations for the State of New Jersey, and compliance with submission request will be critical elements in the short listing and final selection.

Qualified firms or joint ventures interested in being considered must submit six copies of (1) Letter of Interest not exceeding four single sided, letter-sized pages, summarizing the firm's or team's understanding of the exploration program for the LRT corridor project, qualifications of the firm, prior relevant experience, team organization, and key personnel; (2) an organizational chart of team member firm(s) showing the contractual and reporting relationship of each firm; (3) an organizational chart showing proposed key personnel names, positions, titles, and reporting relationships; (4) a list of three client references claimed for relevant exploration experience by each firm and each key individual, including name, title, agency address and phone number, client agency project manager, and dates of service; (5) resumes of key personnel explicitly stating relevant experience, including dates of assignments, and professional qualifications; and health and safety training; (6) U.S. Government Forms 254 and 255 for the prime consultant and each designated subcontractor; and (7) a statement of joint venture team. Any further explanation or clarification of this EOI should direct their inquiries to Mary A. Gobelle at the telephone number shown below.

Letters of Interest must be submitted no later than 5:00 P.M. (EDT) Thursday, October 20, 1994, and addressed as follows:

Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglas, Inc.
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Attn: Mrs. Mary A. Gobelle
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Proposers will be evaluated on the basis of key personnel's professional qualifications, experience, availability of staff to work locally, time commitment to the Project, completion of prior similar projects; key personnel's professional registrations, understanding of Project issues, scope, qualification of support staff by areas involved; and local presence and office resources, project management capability, and DBE Certification.

Following review of submitted Expressions of Interest, PB will request proposals from the most qualified firms/teams. Proposals will not be solicited from firms or teams that have not responded to the Request for Expression of Interest. The shortlisting process is expected to take approximately two weeks from the receipt of the responses. All respondents will be notified at the completion of the process regarding their status.

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A pre-bid conference will be held on Friday, October 7, 1994 at 10:30 a.m., in the first floor - Conference Room, 57 Sussex Avenue, Newark, New Jersey.

Bids shall be submitted in triplicate. The submittal shall be in an envelope clearly marked: **BID NO. NHA 80 535/1, FORWARD CONTROL PASSENGER BUSES.**

Bids shall be submitted on or before Thursday, October 20, 1994 at 2:00 p.m.

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The Housing Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bids. - Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, C.127.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the date of receipt of the bids without the consent of the Housing Authority of the City of Newark.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK
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CONTRACT: EXHAUST OF THE ELEVATOR MACHINE ROOMS AT BUILDINGS NO. 1-2-3-4, NEW BRUNSWICK HOMES.

There is one set of bidding documents covering the contract which may be examined at the Housing Authority's office from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday on regular business days. A copy of the documents may be obtained for purchase after Friday, September 23, 1994, at the offices of the New Brunswick Housing Authority, 71 Neilson Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

A non-refundable deposit in cash or check, to the order of the New Brunswick Housing Authority in the amount of \$40.00 will be required for each set of bidding documents. Additional sets will also be available for purchase.

All bids to be accompanied by a bid guarantee of not less than 5% of the amount to ensure the execution of the contract and the furnishing of a performance and payment bond or bonds as may be required by the Bidding Documents.

The Local Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in the bidding and further reserves the right to make such award as may be in the best interest of the Authority.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Executive Office, 71 Neilson Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey, on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1994. ALL BIDDERS ARE URGED TO ATTEND BUT NON-ATTENDANCE WILL NOT BE CAUSE FOR REJECTION OF THE BID.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, 127, and all applicable U.D. rules and regulations.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days subsequent to the opening of bids.

No bid will be accepted that does not conform to the Specifications. Bids are to be made on the Proposal Forms and sealed in an envelope marked "BID FOR EXHAUST OF ELEVATOR MACHINE ROOMS AT BUILDINGS 1-2-3-4, NEW BRUNSWICK HOMES, PROJECT NJ-22-3, NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY."

All bids are to be delivered at the time and place indicated above.

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know that they can make it. "It is not enough to say no to the bad things. We must counterbalance it with something positive."

The day's event also included learning the types of gangs which exist in the area and how to best approach them. Investigator Eddie Young of the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office discussed the issues

surrounding Asian gangs. Detective Craig Peterson of the Philadelphia Police Department focused on supremacist type gangs which are based on the ideology of race and ethnicity. Detective Nelson Baez of the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office gave the perspective on Hispanic and Jamaican Poses.

Day two of the conference pro-

vided the participants with resource information that will help deal with the problem of gangs and youth who take part in criminal activities. Several organizations were represented including the Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS), The Girl Scouts of America, The Newark YMCA, and the Newark Mayor's Office of Youth and Employment

Services.

Legal services such as the Essex County Family Court and the Essex County Victim Witness Advocacy were made available to the crowd. There were discussions on alternative resources including: education, recreation, and employment training.

Most of the participants said the event was quite informative and they were glad to have participated.

"I find it to be very informative," Detective Paul Braswell of the Newark Police said, adding, "I wish there were more parents here." He also stated that there should be more of these conferences on a regular basis.

Ray Weiss, a representative of the Essex County Prosecutor's office said they hope to have these events more often. He said they give the public as well as officials a true insight on life in the streets.

Kimberly Davis Scholarship fund to hold box lunch auction

PLAINFIELD—The Kimberly Davis Scholarship Fund, a non-profit group established in the memory of Kimberly Davis of Plainfield, is holding a Box Lunch Auction to raise money for the scholarship fund.

The Scholarship Fund was organized to assist a senior student whose goal is to enter the field of Nursing after high school. Since Davis' death the fund has awarded six monetary donations to Plainfield High School seniors.

Individuals who have a love for cooking can contribute to the fund by donating home made entrees for the auction.

The auction will be held on Saturday, October 1 at the Mohawk Temple #307 on West Third St. from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. For additional information please call 908-757-0714.

Who is guarding the door?

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represented in advertising? What ever happened to those cases, and companies, and what is the level of their help to us now?

Blacks now comprise seven percent of the managers in Corporate America and African-American-owned advertising agencies and public relations firms have flourished since the spending power of blacks was recognized by more companies. Each of us has heard a civil rights leader or community activist urging the African Americans who've reached middle and upper level positions to now reach back into their communities in order to help elevate the lives of blacks still struggling to break free of poverty, crime, drugs, and other afflictions of the underclass.

But a growing segment of blacks are saying that it is a myth to think that these are the people who will help the race to gain parity in the society. In reality, most of the managers in Corporate America in charge of "Community Outreach," or the ad agencies for certain companies, are better at telling us "no" than white people.

Although black income has declined from 61 cents per dollar earned by whites in 1969 to 54 cents today, there are presently over five million blacks in administrative, managerial and supervisory positions inside America's corporations and small businesses. The black middle-class, 30 percent of the African-American community, is made up of a sizable number of blacks who are in charge of affirmative action, corporate diversity and/or community outreach.

These people surely could do more toward helping the success of our race. They make a big public show when they present checks at conferences of black organizations. They

hold memberships in the Urban League, NAACP, Chamber of Commerce and five or six other organizations. But they do little more than make appearances for their firms. In reality, they actually hold the keys, and know networks, that could produce cooperative economics, such as shared wealth, talents and contacts, for all of us. The public illusion is that these people are functional and instrumental parts of the NAACP, Urban League, etc., but, don't be deceived, the price of their memberships is paid for by the corporation and their presence at funding dinners is covered by corporate expense accounts. And back at the office, these people spend more time trying to be a part of the corporate structure than they do going against that status quo to make the corporation, and its people, more aware of the needs and issues of blacks. And, they are the ones who gleefully tell us "no" to any grants, loans, jobs, supplier opportunities or referrals requested.

Members of the African American community should be aware that we still have the power to influence these people to do more toward our people and problems. Whenever you go to the Urban Affairs, Affirmative Action or Cultural Diversity Manager for a job, loan, referral or grant and don't get satisfaction, remember that his/her job and responsibility, is to take care of you. Bypass this black gatekeeper and take your concern directly to the company's highest ranking officer, and then watch how much better this brother/sister will treat you on the second go-round.

And to those blacks in charge of reaching out to us for your corporations and businesses, remember you need to either lead, follow or just get the hell out of the way.

PPAC: discovering the talent

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Caucasians. She says being the only African-American in her class, the instructor made her feel as if she didn't belong.

"It was always the minority in most of my classes and our body shapes are different (from Caucasians, Asians etc.). Our people have round heads and round thighs, but the teacher would go down (the row of

students) and say you have to loose weight here, you have to loose weight there, but our bodies are different, so we are not going to look like them."

"Therefore they (African-American students) begin to think I could never do this, why am I the only one here I guess I must be wrong. They don't have enough power support to say 'this is pretty cool, I can do this.'

It all has to do with what they see. If all they see are blond-haired blue-eyes... naturally they will think they don't fit into that mode."

"I don't care if they end up on Broadway or not. The main point now is that they have another choice and that they have other options."

Ryan has an extensive history in the arts. She received a great part of her training at performing art centers like the Broadway Dance Center, Henry LeTang Center, Modern Academy, and the NJ Ballet Performing Arts Schools. She has performed in such as *Dream Girls*, *Sugar Babies*, and *Chorus Line*.

According to Ryan, it is very important not only for children to be committed to what they are doing, but to have the parents supporting the children and to have them treat this commitment just as they would a job. She also says that she doesn't understand why more people don't get involved considering how inexpensive the courses are.

"The most important thing is that we're inexpensive. People believe that they can't afford it but it's only \$6 a class. If parents can go to TGI Friday's and spend \$6 dollars on a drink I'm sure they can afford this."

The O.J. case

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cial programs and affirmative action, the escalation in racial hate crimes, law and order mania and ghetto economic desolation. They are convinced that the federal government and corporations have gone from benign neglect to vicious assault.

For example, The Nation of Islam, black militant organizations and some black leaders accuse whites of plotting to wipe out blacks. The FBI's covert COINTELPRO campaign in the 1960s and 1970s to subvert black organizations and the government prosecution of black elected officials in the 1980s and 1990s fan the fears.

The monolith of race. No sane person judges the character of white males by convicted mass murderer, Jeffrey Dahmer. But when a black is accused of, or commits a crime, blacks perceive that they are all on trial too. That's because whites seldom make gender, class, political or religious distinctions between blacks.

White males aren't routinely threatened with harassment or arrest as dope dealers, drive by shooters and gang bangers. They aren't followed by security guards in stores. Women don't hide their purses or make fast exits from elevators when a white person approaches. But black men, even middle-class stockbrokers, scientists and college professors have suffered these indignities.

Still while blacks must continually protest racial double standards in the law, media and society, continually crying racism is a dangerous trap. I asked one of O.J.'s defenders, "What if the evidence proves he did it?"

My answer: If so, you'll seem

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Tupac Shakur pleads guilty in concert fight

Controversial rapper Tupac Shakur pleaded guilty last week to an assault charge for an incident last year in which he tried to hit another rapper with a baseball bat. The incident triggered a near riot at the Michigan State University concert. Shakur is currently involved in several legal battles including charges of raping a woman in New York and shooting two off-duty police officers in Atlanta.

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Chavis: Marion Barry's Win 'A Work of Black Unity'

Benjamin F. Chavis spoke before a black church congregation in Washington, DC, and hailed Marion Barry's election victory and urged African Americans to be wary of the media, Jewish groups and other forces that are "oppressors" of the black community. Chavis said Barry's winning of the Democratic nomination for DC mayor was the perfect example of what blacks can do when they "work in unity." He said that the nomination was a sign that many in the black community are tired of letting the general media and other dictate who are the community's leaders. "If the New York Times or the Washington Post are here, then let them bring this word back: That was a victory for all African-American people all over the world. Gone are the days when you will tell us what leaders we will choose or who we shall listen to," Chavis said in his keynote address.

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